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SUBJECT: KYPRIANOU'S DESIRE TO VISIT KARPASS

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1. AT SAME TIME AMBASSADOR MET WITH ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER PATSALIDES (REFTEL) DCM CALLED ON UN D/SRSG GORGE TO DISCUSS UN ACTIVITIES OF JULY 3. SRSG BALINDO-POHL HAD BEEN SUMMONED BY PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU AT 10:30 A.M.; HAD MET WITH DENKTASH IN A PREVIOUSLY-SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER; AND HAD THEN COMMUNICATED DENKTASH'S REACTIONS TO GOC. SRSG HAD ALSO ASKED NEW YORK FOR GUIDANCE ON HOW TO RESPOND TO KYPRIANOU'S SPECIFIC REQUEST FOR UNFICYP FACILITATION OF A VISIT TO KARPASS.

2. GORGE SAID MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU LASTED ONLY TEN MINUTES. IT SEEMED TO GORGE THAT KYPRIANOU'S REQUEST WAS PART OF SYSTEMATIC PLAN TO ACHIEVE A MEETING WITH TURKISH PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT. KYPRIANOU'S REASONING, GORGE THINKS, WAS THAT VISIT WOULD BE REFUSED; THIS WOULD DEMONSTRATE THAT NORTHERN CYPRUS IS OCCUPIED BY TURKEY
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AND PROVE THAT DENKTASH HAS NO AUTHORITY. THEREFORE KYPRIANOU WOULD HAVE TO MEET WITH ECEVIT ON ALL IMPORTANT QUESTIONS. WHEN DCM SUGGESTED THAT THIS REASONING SEEMED A BIT ROUND-ABOUT, GORGE AGREED BUT SAID KYPRIANOU HAD MADE THIS POINT CLEAR WHEN HE SAID "I HAVE DECIDED TO GO (TO THE KARPASS). WHO IS GOING TO STOP ME? DENKTASH? NO. SO I MUST MEET WITH ECEVIT."

3. ACCORDING TO GORGE, DENKTASH'S IMMEDIATE RESPONSE WAS THAT KYPRIANOU'S MOVE WAS AIMED AT "BURYING THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS." DENKTASH CONTINUED THAT ALL OF KYPRIANOU'S RECENT ACTIONS, CALL FOR MEETING WITH ECEVIT, REVIVAL OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IDEA, ETC., WERE "EMBARGO-ORIENTED." KYPRIANOU, DENKTASH SAID, WAS "MAD" IN MAKING THE KARPASS PROPOSAL. GORGE SIAD HE HAD DEMURRED POINTING OUT THAT KYPRIANOU HAD MADE A MOVE IN THE CYPRUS "CHESS GAME." DENKTASH MUST NOW RESPOND. DENKTASH CONCURRED AND SAID FIRST POINT WAS THAT KYPRIANOU MUST COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH HIM ON THIS MATTER. DENKTASH ALSO SAID UN HAS NO JURISDICTION OVER THIS KIND OF ACTIVITY.

4. GOC'S RESPONSE TO DENKTASH WAS PRESS RELEASE LATER JULY 3 COMPLAINING THAT DENKTASH WAS GUILTY OF "THE ULTIMATE OF TURKISH PROVOCATIVENESS" IN SPECIFYING THAT PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU MUST APPLY IN WRITING TO DENKTASH AS PRESIDENT OF THE TURKISH FEDERATED STATE OF CYPRUS TO BEGIN CONSIDERATION OF THE MATTER. TURKISH CYPRIOT PRESS RELEASE ISSUED THE SAME DAY DID NOT MAKE THE POINT THAT KYPRIANOU MUST COMMUNICATE WITH DENKTASH -- LATTER MUST HAVE HAD SECOND THOUGHTS ON THIS LINE AFTER HE DISCUSSED THE PROPOSAL WITH TURKISH EMBASSY HERE. TURKISH CYPRIOT RELEASE
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EMPHASIZED THEIR CONTENTION THAT KYPRIANOU IS NOT THE PRESIDENT OF ALL OF CYPRUS AND NOTED THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS IN NORTH HAVE REMAINED VOLUNTARILY, LIVE AS "EQUAL MEMBERS OF THE POPULATION" OF THE NORTH (SIC); THEREFORE KYPRIANOU HAS NO REASON TO VISIT THEM.
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